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KLONDIKE CALENDAR

Friday, July 23, 1971:

Regular Club night,
10:30 pm - 3:00 am

Saturday, July 24, 1971:

LIQUOR NIGHT
Doors open 8:30 pm
Members \$1:00 Guests \$2:50

Wednesday, July 28, 1971:

Regular Wed. Night
Free Coffee - Silver Collection
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Friday, July 30, 1971:

Midnight Follies
Showtime - midnight
Crowning of Miss Klondike
(best dressed in audience)
Regular club times and admission

Saturday, July 31, 1971:

LIVE BAND - FREE BEER
Band starts 10:00 pm
Doors open 8:30 pm
Members \$2.00 Guests \$3.50

Sunday, August 1, 1971:

Klondike Brunch
12 noon
Admission \$1.00

June 4, 1971 has been a "Red Letter Day" for me. I had the opportunity of addressing a group on the topic of Homosexuality.

Our club was approached to provide a speaker for a Forum on Gay Liberation. Our president thought of me because I have threatened to lead a march down Jasper Avenue (Fat Chance!), however, it took very little persuasion to speak to these people on "Gay Liberation" or rather "Homosexuality in Edmonton"!

The group who approached us are the YS/LSA (Young Socialist/League for Social Action). They are a political group, on the left, encompassing the Marxist Theory. What impressed me was their enthusiasm and intelligent dedication to their cause; the liberation of the working classes, and their sincere attempt in understanding the minority group to which we belong.

The mention of "socialism", "liberation of the working classes", will turn a lot of people off. Like Homosexuality, society places many untruths, misconceptions and prejudices on what the YS and Gays are really all about. Basically, and this is my generalization, the YS are a group of young people who disagree with the present political and social systems and firmly believe they have a more sane, rational and humane alternative. (If anyone is interested, I would like for us, as a group, to arrange a meeting with the YS. In this way we could have them explain what their bag is all about!)

All of us belong to Club '70 because we are gay. It gives us a place to meet with our friends and others who are like-minded sexually. However, my one big criticism is this - what are we doing as a group, or as individuals, to break down the myths and falsehoods straight society seems to have about gays (you and me)? NOTHING! We have our club, so we continue to keep our collective heads buried in the sand. None of us seem to realize what a voice we have, or could have in forming correct and rational opinions of gays. That we really are not these sick perverts our parents warned us about. We really don't attack little men and women in dark alleys! That in essence, we are not sick at all. The only difference between a homosexual and a heterosexual is the preference we have in our sex partners. So what's so damn sick? - the misconceptions we've allowed to survive!

Questions like "What did you do this 'weekend', 'last night'?", would no longer pose the threat they do now. We've been 'legalized' by Parliament, now it's up to us to bring understanding and acceptance to the gay elements in society.

Education is probably the slowest, but surest way of winning that acceptance. You start as individuals educating your family, relatives, then your personal 'straight' friends and then finally your co-workers, but, nine chances out of ten, by then they'll have been educated already!

You know that "Gay is Good", "Gay is Beautiful". This is pure sloganism! Sounds easy? Not on your sweet life! But the experience I've had of declaring my homosexuality to a sympathetic audience of 'straights' leads me to believe it is possible to educate society and make them realize that there is no perversion in desiring a member of one's own sex. I'm also convinced that gays do have political power. It's dormant today, but if we get up off our asses and organize, we can influence the laws and moral attitudes in Canada for a better tomorrow for both gays and straights.

Roy.

NOTICE!

The parking lot is not considered a private place. Watch the drinking, etc., in parked cars. We have received complaints from our neighbours. Consider the other guy eh! -- and don't jeopardize our club!

WANTED:

One, full-time employee for the front counter. \$10.00 per evening
If interested, please apply to: Secretary Club '70, Box 1671,
Main Post Office, Edmonton, Alberta.

BITS & PIECES

First, a big welcome to all our new members! Our total membership now stands at 194. A special big thank you to one of our new members in particular who did such a great job on our new paintings for the girls. Thanks to all the other club members who also give of their time and energies so freely, just wish that there were more of you around!

Those of you who have been down to the club recently will have noted that we are now the owners of a piano. The purchase of this instrument was made possible in part, by those members who donated their portions of the settlement from the old Club '70.

Hot weather has returned finally, and to those of you who do not feel up to sweating over a hot stove or taking a chance on your monacrylic wigs developing the frizzies, may I suggest:

The Pyrogy House
12510-118 Ave.

The Italian Gardens
10169-104 Str.

Gasthaus Strathcona
10105-82 Ave.

Good, reasonably priced and very filling meals are served at these places. Great places to take out of town guests. If you feel like splurging - try the Tiki Tiki on Jasper Ave. and 117 Str. Terrific Polynesian dining and a good floor show - unfortunately, their service leaves a bit to be desired. Reservations a must Fridays and Saturdays. And then of course, there's always Fuller's for that late night.....?

I hear that there is a new club in Vancouver called Phase 3. Apparently, it is along the lines of B.J.'s, but larger. I hope to check this one out in August. If any of you know of clubs elsewhere let us know and maybe we can start a listing to be kept at the Club.

Thanks to Roy, by the way, for his article in this issue. If anyone else has a pet subject they'd like aired drop us a line c/o Box 1671, Main Post Office. And to those of you who wish to air your views, tacky or otherwise, via the Suggestion Box - please sign them or the executive can't act upon them!

Bye for now, especially to my greatest fan! Hope to see you all during Klondike in all your finery. Have fun.....Arch.

Dolly Douche Delightfully Declares:

Bev has moved back into town, closer to the action maybe?.....Miss K. is terrorizing our sisters' town for the next few weeks.....hope you get lots of work done, remember - that was your reason for going!.....say, some of those boys behind the bar seem happy and friendly - wonder what they're on?..... Lady A. is heading south again!....sure hope those credit cards hold out dear!... ..someone else has been trying that old Capricorn line lately, hope the originator didn't have copyrights!.....and that's all Dolly Douche dumps(for now)....
